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¶ A Briefe of *Morgans* Bill in Parliament.

George Morgan, Plaintiffe. { *William Megges*, *William Turner*, *Richard Bowdler*, *Thomas Ihones*, Sir *John Bourcher* Knight, *William Essington*, *Robert Barley*, } Defendants. And *Richard Bowdler* Plaintiffe, and *George Morgan* Defendant.

1609. *May*. 8. { Sir *John Bourcher* Knight, *William Turner*, *Richard Bowdler*, *Thomas Ihones*, } These foure Farmed the Allome-workes of the Kings Maiestie.

William Megges Father in Law to *Bowdler*, lent him his Name and Credit, to vse and subscribe at his pleasure.

William Essington, *Robert Barley*, } were partners but not named in the Patent.

All these seauen were as one Ioynt body and knowne, both in *England*, and Forraine parts, by the name of the Allome Company.

Because they could not haue money enough in *England*, They agreed *Bowdler* should procure *Morgan* his Factor, resident in *Middleborough*, to procure them money there at Interest and by way of Exchange.

1609. *Octob.* *Morgan* began this Imployment and what euer he wrote to bee performed by *Megges*, *Turner*, or any other, by directing his Letters to *Bowdler* and Company, was duely performed, as if hee had wrote to each of them in particuler by name.

Euery weeke *Morgan* sent them an Accompt, and euery foure or sixe Moneths, a generall Accompt; All which were allowed of.

1612. *May*. 20. They all failed, and left *Morgan* ingaged, at Interest and Bills of Exchange, for 37247. pounds 9. shillings 3. pence Flemish, which is 22600. pounds Sterling.

May. 23. *Morgan* accompted, and therein expressed the particulers of all the said Debt and Ingagements.

May, 29. *Bowdler* hauing examined this Accompt, sealed *Morgan* a generall Release.

They all liued vnder Protection, or obscuritie for aboue 4. yeares, but *Meggs*, who denyed his hand to the Bills of Exchange, pretending *Bowdler* had counterfeited them without his authoritie, and in the meane time, *Morgan* forced to pay aboue 5000. pounds of the said Debts, besides Interest and Charges thereof.

1617. *Aprill*, 7. *Morgan* exhibites his Bill against all the Defendants, to be payed and freed of that Accompt deliuered. 23. of May, 1612.

1619. *Decemb*. 18. It was heard by the Lord Chancellor and then Referred to these sixe Commissioners, *viz*. Sir *William Bird*, Sir *Robert Rich* Knights, two Masters of the Chancery; Sir *Thomas Middleton* Knight, Mr. *Robert Iohnson*, Mr. *Ralph Freeman*, Aldermen of *London*, and Mr. *William Towerson* Marchant.

1619. *March*, 13. They all sixe Ioyntly certifie, *Morgan* ought to bee payed and freed of the 37247. pounds 9. shilling 3. pence Flemish, according to his said last Accompt of 23. May, 1612.

1620. *Iune*, 26. After foure more hearings in open Court, the said Certificate was Decreed against 3. of them, and Respited for the other 4. Defendants.

1621. *Aprill*, 27. His Maiestie referred it to the two Lords Chiefe Iustices, and Master of the Rolles, to heare it for the other foure Defendants respited.

Septemb. 3. The Lord Keeper consents to that Reference.

Nouemb. 2. They all Certifie but -- *gr. Lopp.* would not let their Report bee performed or once read.

Megges, *Ihones*, *Bowdler*, } standing all Contempts, two of them were fined 1000. pounds eachman to his Maiestie for not obeying the said Decree, 5. December before.

1621. *Ianuary*, 18. When *Morgan* was out of purse aboue 23000. pounds in this busines onely, vpon a motion at his House out of Terme, -- *gr. Lopp.* suspends the Decree, and referres all to fiue Marchants to examine all *De nouo*.

February, 10. { *Ioseph Iackson*, *Anthony Wither*, } *Morgan* names, and cleares vpon his Oath, to bee no way allyed vnto him or Intressed.

February, 16. { *William Canning*, *Clement Harby*, } *Bowdler* names (but not vpon Oath) who are both deepely intressed in the said Allome busines.

Sir *Edw*: -- in place of the fifth Marchant, whom *Morgan* then publikely excepted against.

1622. *March*, 17. All fiue Certifie, but in two Certificates.

Ioseph Iackson, *Anthony Wither*, } within a small matter confirme the Certificate of the two Masters, and foure Aldermen, and certifie proofes for each particuler.

Sr Ed. Coke, *William Canning*, *Clement Harbye*, } Reduce the 37247. l. 9. s. 3. d. Decreed to 3276. l. 2. s. 2. d. All grounded vpon falle Writings not prooued, And in stead of proofes certifie men Affirmed that which the other two Commissioners certifie contrary. And one Mr. *Bowater* is since examined, and Deposeth directly against -- *Sr Ed. Coke* -- Certificate. And there are many other persons ready to Depose the like in other particulers against -- *Sr Ed. Coke* -- Certificate.

All -- *Sr Ed. Coke*, and their hope was (as is conceiued) to possesse the world of great Intricacy in the busines, And vnder colour thereof haue his Certificate Decreed, and *Morgans* Decree, and all other Certificates made voyde, who kept it foureteene Moneths, and then makes a Certificate of 130. sheetes of paper.

1623. *May*, 17. -- *gr. Lopp.* appointed it to bee heard First day of Trinitie Terme, Peremptorily, and *Morgan* to serue them with *Subpena* 14. dayes before.

Iune, 16. When it came to be heard, he heard it not, but pronounceth the said 2. Commissioners Prisoners to the *Fleet* for Certifying as they did, and Ordered. *viz*.

1. The said two Commissioners to bee Examined vpon their Oahtes, yet when they came to it the Intergatories were fetched away againe.
2. *Morgans* Demaunds so great, therefore his Estate to be examined.
3. All *Morgans* -- to bee brought into Court. and Sr Edward Cecill By Commandm gr Ed Coke.

1623. *Iuly*, 4. -- *gr. Lopp.* appointed it at 10. of the Clocke, to be heard at 2. in the After-noone.

-- *gr. Lopp.* vnderwrote *Morgans* Petition, That he would heare onely the Cause, but not any one point which had been Referred to Commissioners, yet at the hearing hee neuer heard word of the Cause, but onely --- *Sr Ed. Coke* Cried out.

1623. *Iuly*, 14. 1. -- *gr. Lopp.* without Bill of Review or performance of the Decree, or Bill of Reuiuor, one of them being Dead since the Decree, made voyde *Morgans* said Decree, and Decrees *Sr Ed. Coke* Certificate, so as there is aboue 20000. pounds Sterling principall difference, betwixt the 2. Decrees.

2. -- *gr. Lopp.* to this day neuer heard Decree, Bill, Answer, Certificate, or Order once read or opened, nor Depositions, yet aboue 60. Examined by *Morgan*.

3. -- *gr. Lopp.* to haue any of the said three Iudges, or any Master of the Court present but -- *Sr Ed. Coke*.

4. -- *gr. Lopp.* had Mr. *Iohn Ascam* who disallowed of false Accompts neuer prooued, which *gr. Lopp.* yet allowed of.

5. -- *gr. Lopp.* Mr. *Bowater* hath Deposed directly contrary to *Sr Edward Coke*, yet refuseth to relieue *Morgan* in it.

6. -- *Sr Ed. Coke* Certifies, *Morgan* produceth his Accompts and Letters orderly, and *Bowdler* not; and that is at the beginning, yet that part and aboue halfe of *Sr Ed. Coke* neuer heard once read, yet Decreed the same against *Morgan*.

7. *Morgan* is out of purse aboue 24000. pounds Sterling, in principall Intrest and Charges besides Ingagements, which is Reduced to 879. pounds, to be payd onely by *Bowdler*, who is Prisoner in the *Fleete*. And Decrees that if *Morgan* complaines in any sort whatsoeuer of that his said Decree, that then *Bowdler* is for euer Discharged thereof also.

8. -- *gr. Lopp.* Orders *Morgan* to allow *Bowdler* such Intrest, as *Sr Ed. Coke* thinkes fit out of this 879. pounds but will not let *Morgan* haue Intresse.

9. Since the Decree, onely vpon a Petition (without any Bill depending) *gr. Lopp.* disposeth of 750 l. of this 879. l. to one of *Morgans* pretended Creditors.

10. All this -- *gr. Lopp.* proceedings, is either by Petition, or else at his House out of Terme.

Nota. The Defendants to this day, Examined but 3. Witnesses to disproue *Morgans* Bill, or maintayne *Bowdlers* Bill, whereof two were Examined the 5. th of March last, 1622. before -- *Sr Ed. Coke*, since the Decree, and but to about 100 pounds each man. And the third Witnesse is *Bowdlers* Cousen Ierman, and not examined to a tenth part of the matters in question, besides is disproued by other Witnesses examined by *Morgan*.

¶ Morgan *knowes his Aduersaries indeauour to hinder the passing of his Bill now depending in the Right Hon: Court of Parliament; chiefly by laying vpon him and his Cause these two Scandals*, viz.

1. That this Busines is so Intricate as not fit euer to bee heard by them, without many weekes trouble.
2. That *Morgan* is of a Contentious spirit, and delights in Sutes of Law, and therefore not to bee regarded.

¶ Morgan *cleares the First by an humble Offer; And answeres truely to the other, as followeth*: viz.

1. The Certificate of the Knights and Aldermen, which is Decreed, ariseth by 97. particulers, sent into the Court annexed to their said Certificate. Let the Defendants or any person whomsoeuer, make choise of any seauen of them, and if they proue the Decree false but in those seauen, *Morgan* will then yeeld all the other 90.
2. In *Morgans* Life to the date of this his Decree, hee did neuer Sue any man; Nor yet was euer sued by any man, but for the Debts of all these Defendants, or some of them

Morgan therefore most humbly prayes his said Bill may be Referred to Committees, or that hee may be otherwise Relieued, as in their graue Iudgements shall thinke meete.

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The 20th. of September.

THE NEWES WHICH NOVV ARRIVE FROM DIVERS PARTS, TRANSLATED out of *Dutch* copies, with some aduertisements sent hither, vnto such as correspond with Friends on the other side.

In seuerall Letters from *Honourable* and *Worshipfull* personages, residing at SKINK SCONCE, in the Leager of his EXCELLENCIE, at *Breda*, in the Campe of *Count Mansfield*, and from other places.

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The Copie of a Letter written from *Breda*, by Sir *W.L.* to a Worshipfull person here in London.

Worthy Sir,

THough I haue little else to write vnto you at this time, yet am I glad to take this opportunity to let you know the passages and occurrents which this actiue time affordeth. You shall therefore please to vnderstand that since the first siege of *Bergen* little is presented of extraordinarie note, saue only now the arriual of Count *Mansfield* and the Duke of *Brunswicks* army vpon whose discent some 15 miles aboue *Bruxels* vpon the confines of *France*, they were encountred by the Spanish army, who for that purpose were descended out of the *Palatinate*, vnder the command of *Don Gonzalo de Cordua*, being in number 14000. foote, and 3000. horse, who taking aduantage of the ground and passage before our Army could arriue, compeld them there to abide the hazzard of a disaduantagious battell: but thankes be to God the issue was to their ruine, and the losse of many of their best men, for they left there dead in the place welnigh 3000 men; the rest for the most part were all scattered, so as the remnant thereof, a day or two agoe, arri-

uing in the Marquis leager before *Bergen*, did not amount to many aboue 10000. horſe and foote: If this Army had not thus bin repulſed, It was deſigned that the ſame ſhould haue ſet downe before *Breda*, there to block vs vp, that neither reliefe ſhould come to vs, nor we impeach their conuoyes of Victuals betwixt *Bergen* and *Antwerpe*. In this battell the Duke of *Brunſwicke* performed miracles, for that Count *Mansfields* ſouldiers mutined, crying out for money, when they ſhould fight, according to the old German manner: that part therefore of the Duke of *Brunſwicks* forces had the burden of the whole buſineſſe, who with 12. troopes of his horſe only, charged twiſe through the enemies battalions, and routed all their horſe & pillaged, all their baggage, where they found great ſtore of treaſure, but vnhappily aſſaying the third time to make this his glorious victory perfect, his left arme was ſhot in pieces, which preſently was cut off a little aboue his elbow. With this diſaſter his ſouldiers began to loſe courage, as deeming him to be ſlaine, & ſo could not be drawne on to another charge; ſo as they were forced to draw them off, marching continually, for they were in an enemies Country, till they arriued here in our quarters of *Breda*, where the Duke now is, and thankes be to God, paſt all danger of his life. The Army here arriued, we reckoned horſe and foote to be 10000. ſtrong, but all diſarmed, the ſouldiers after the battell in their hard

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hard march, casting them away, but the States haue already sent them Armes for their whole army, and further payed them 20000. pound sterling in money, to helpe to refresh them. They are to continue in our seruice by contract yet three months, for the which they are to receiue more 40000. li. starling, and then the States are to see them conuoyed into some good quarter to winter, vntill the next summer, and then to returne againe vnto their seruice. In their last descent, besides the hazzard of the battaile, the whole Army was reduced to a world of misery, for some in three weekes, but all in 3. dayes before had not a bit of bread, which they tooke so ill, both from the Inhabitants of *France* and those of the *Infanta*, that they spoyled and burnt all the country that they passed through. So soone as *Mansfields* Army shal be put in order and somewhat refreshed, we expect the Prince of *Orange* here with the best part of his Army, (if not the whole) to ioyne with him, and then vndoubtedly we shall march towards *Bergen*, to releeue that besieged Towne, and raise the Marqueese there, either by beating his Conuoyes, or else by bidding him battell, for there hee must not lie although the Towne as yet be not reduced vnto the meanest danger, they hauing hitherto most honourably defended themselues, and as yet not lost one foot of ground, although indeed it hath cost vs deere, both in the losse of many of our chieses, as namely of our Nation, Colonell *Henderson*, Sir *Michael Euerard*, Cap-

taine *Lonelace*, and Captaine *Seton*, all slaine besides some 30. more of inferiour Officers, Lieutenants, Ensignes and Captaines slaine, and hurt of our two nations onely. Colonell *Morgan* now commands our 2. nations there in place of Colonell *Henderson*, the enemy both of men of quality and others, hath in all respects lost more men then we, so as we are assured from thence his Army since his arriuall there is already weakened, what with dead, hurt, and runnawaies, aboue 6000 of the last of our Nation they come dayly away by fifties, as at this present, both the Regiments of the Earle of *Argile*, and the Lord *Vause*, who at their first comming were about 3000. are not now in their Army aboue 600. which is as you may well remember according to my first opinion, before I came from England. I am hartily sorry I doe not with the rest partake of that honourable Seige, that I might send you dayly Iournals of their proceedings, but thus much of the generall. You may please to know that of both sides, they are alike disposed, though contrary in their ends, for the Spaniard is resolute to set vp his rest, to winne the set, & they on the other side will lay on all their strength they haue, rather then lose the goale, for it doth so mainly concerne them, much in the consequence, and little lesse in the reputation. So as if the Seige continue, you shall heare the end of it will be more fell and bloudy then euer *Ostend* was.

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From Rome *the* 13. *of August.*

Last Saturday there were publiſhed certaine Edicts here, prohibiting that vpon a great penaltie, none ſhall buy or ſell any written bookes without licence.

Heere arriued one *Iavas* in Pilgrims habite, ſonne vnto a cheefe Frenchman of *Rochell*, making his father beleeue that he would goe into *Holland* to craue aſſiſtance for the ſaid Cittie, who turned a *Romane* Catholike, and was carried by the French Embaſſadour vnto the Pope to kiſſe his feete.

The *Perſian* Embaſſadour hath further ſolicited the Pope, that he would bee pleaſed to ſend ſome Diuines vnto his Kings Court, to preach the Goſpel there, and that his King might haue an Agent at *Rome* reſident.

In *Spaine* there is of late againe 200000. Crownes made ouer for the *Low Countries*, as alſo two millions more from *Naples* for *Germany*. And *Don Pedro de Leyua* Generall of the King of *Spaines* Gallies is deceaſed.

From Venice *the* 29. *of Auguſt.*

Captaine *Fuchs* is ſent with 1500. Souldiers towards *Engadin*, to take thoſe places in againe: And *Sigſemont Budolf Salinghe* General for the *Grizons*, is gone verie ſtrong to meete with them. And although there was a meeting place appointed at *Veltkirch* to treate of a peace, yet the *Grawbundter* are o-

therwiſe reſolued, and will not come but vnto *Ehogenembs* or *Lundau*; and it is ſaid, that at *Zuricher* ſea, a company of *Zuricher* Souldiers are ſlaine, which were to go vnto the Confederates, and tooke their Enſigne away with them, yet there is come diuers horſe which *Seignor Vliſſes Salioe* hath taken vp in certaine places: alſo 300. *Zuricher* Souldiers vnto the aforeſaid Confederates.

The *Ianizars* and *Spachi* haue rebelled againe at *Conſtantinople*, and many of them takes part with the *Soldan*, and ſome takes the laſt ſtrangeled Emperours brothers part; and being not ſatisfied with the gouernment of *Muſtapha*, they haue fought together about him, ſo that many of them were ſlain: Likewiſe they would haue the cheefe Vizeer put to death, but he is fled away, and the *Aga* of the *Ianizars* is taken priſoner. Some thinke that the new *Sultan*, with the foure *Baſhaes*, will be made away, and another of the *Ottoman* line put againe into his place.

From Vienna *the* 24. *of Auguſt.*

The execution in *Morauia* is not yet performed, but the Lord *Charles* of *Diederichſtein* and others, are come hither, being Commiſſioners, and as wee vnderſtand, the tranſgreſſors ſhall not looſe their liues, but their goods ſhall be confiſcate.

The Electorall diet ſhall take his beginning the firſt of October, but becauſe that there is ſent a Poſt of purpoſe vnto the Princes Electors, to be aſſured

red of their appearances in their own perſons at the ſame diet, his Imperiall Maieſtie will reſolue at his returne, to appoint the day and time of his going towards it.

The Turkiſh Embaſſadour, who hath laine all this while at *Offa*, hath ſolicited his Maieſtie (ſeeing all the commotion in *Hungaria* is quieted) that he may come hither, being three hundred in number, which his Maieſtie hath granted, yet not with ſo many, but onely with his cheefeſt, and men of worth.

From Prague *the* 25. *of Auguſt.*

In theſe parts is proclaimed, both in the *Germane* and *Bohemian* tongue: that all thoſe debtors which were indebted vnto thoſe *Bohemians* which are executed, as alſo thoſe which are fled, ſhall come in and make their debts knowne, and that without delay, within the ſpace of foure weekes; but thoſe which ſhall conceale the ſame, and afterward be found out, ſhall not onely pay double, but ouer and aboue be ſeuerely puniſhed. Likewiſe thoſe which haue any pretences againſt any of theſe aforeſaid perſons, and make themſelues knowne within the ſaid limmitted time, ſhall haue their owne debts deducted out of it. This day were all thoſe which lay arreſted here in the towne hall vpon baile, ſhall be ſet at libertie.

Concerning the ſiedge before *Glatz*, it goeth as yet but ſlowly forwards; the Souldiers are diſcon-

tented, and will haue their pay, and it is thought little or nothing will be done there this Summer.

Out of Duringen *the* 31. *of Auguſt.*

The Elector of *Saxonie*, and the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, haue appointed to meete together without faile, at *Iutterbocke*, the eighteenth of October, but ſince the young Prince of *Saxonie*, Duke *Henrie*, dyed laſt Thurſday; it is to be doubted whether it will goe forwards or no, his Higneſſe of *Saxonie* was determined to goe from thence into the Lordſhip of *Hennenburg* to his Souldiers; ſome ſay to diſcharge ſome of them; but others, for to giue them new Inſtructions.

From Welſtein *in the* Palatinate, *the* 31. *of Auguſt.*

The Poſt went from hence in great feare and danger: for the *Coſſackes* doe extraordinary great hurt and outrage here-abouts: Laſt Sunday in the morning, when moſt were at Church, there came about fiftie of them on Horſe-backe before *Welſtein*, but when it was made knowne that thoſe within began to reſiſt, they went away againe: within two houres after they came again about 200. ſtrong both horſe and foote, deuiding themſelues in two parts, and ſet vpon the Town, but in the meane time there came divers Countrey-men from the little Villages there abouts, whom they had already ſpoiled

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and pillaged, in the ſaid Towne, wherefore they repaired for defence, and anſwered them with there Muskets againe, ſhewing themſelues vpon the walles, with ſpittes and hay-forkes, and beate them backe againe, the ſame euening ſome three hundreth of them gathered together, and came next morning before the Caſtle *Vyben*, (belonging vnto the Earles of *Cronbergh*) and Aſſaulted the ſame, climing vpon the walles thereof, but there was neuer a Gentleman within it, but only a ſafe-guard of Spaniards, a Receiuer, and two Preachers, beſides ſome fixtie Countrey-men, which did behaue themſelues brauely with ſhooting and and caſting, or flinging of ſtones at them, yet for the moſt part quite ouer them, and when they perceiued the ſame, they came ſo nigh, that they ſet the gate on fire, and one of them got vpon one of their rooſes, at whom they ſhott, and killed fiue more of them, hurting neuer a one within, whereupon they retired, and went to *Wenlſteim* (which as yet in all theſe warres was priuiledged by the Gouernour of *Duſſelldorp*) which they ſacked, and killed ſeuenteenth perſons, carrying all their cattle away with them, ſo that the hurt there done, was counted to mount to aboue fortie thouſand florins (or gilders.) But *Tilly* is now come downe, and accompanied with foure thouſand Coſſackes, is ioyned with *Spinola*.

From *Franckfort* the 4. of *September*.

The Citie of *Wormes*, hath yeelded it ſelfe to his

Maieſties devotion, and is ſupplyed with a ſtrong garriſon.

Heidelbergh, is as yet battered by the Bauarians on the one ſide, and the Horſe lye for the moſt part on the both ſides of the Riuer of *Necker*, ſo that the paſſage of *Franckendall* and *Manheim* is quite ſtopped and locked vp, and it is ſaid, that the Citizens of *Heidelbergh* are willing to come to an Accord, but the Souldiers will not yeeld vnto it.

From *Collen* the 6. of *Auguſt*.

Certaines dayes agoe, they ſhott with two peeces of Ordinance on this ſide, much in the Fort *Pfaffenmutze*, but they within did likewiſe ſhoote brauely at them againe, wherewith they did very much hurt, meane time they within, fall ſometimes out in the land of *Bergh*, where they get prouiſion which they carry in vnto the ſconſes, the like they haue alſo gotten by water.

The plague doth as yet increaſe heere ſtill, which occaſioneth little trading, and there is alreadie diuers chiefe perſons fledde from hence, moſt of them in the Countrey of *Bergh*.

From *Emmericke* 8. of *Auguſt*.

Few dayes agoe Count *Henricke van den Bergh* went with all his forces from *Goch*, and marched towards the River of *Maeſe*, to what end, is as yet vnknowne. And hath left a ſtrong garriſon within the Towne.

The Prince of *Orange* is in the Fort called *S. Grauenweert*, and his forces lye as yet in their old quarter, and becauſe a number of Shippes and Boates

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lye in the River of *Wael*, and about the chiefeſt Forts, it is thought that the ſame ſhall carry the Souldiers and the Bagage downwards.

Count *Mansfeild* and the Duke of *Brunſwicke*, with their forces, are marched ſince through *Brabant*, and arriued the firſt of *September* at *Tilburgh* nigh the Citie of *S. Hertoghenboſch*, where the Souldiers haue reſted and refreſhed themſelues for certaine dayes, ſome of them deſire their paſport which is giuen them, the reſt ſhall ere long be muſtred and prouided, with Armes and weapons (for moſt of his Souldiers fought without Armes, when they mette with *Gonſales*) part of them lye now at *Doſterhoudt* in the *Langhe-ſtrate*, and about *Breda*, where they are repleniſhed, with all manner of neceſſaries needfull for them, what further ſhall be enterpriſed by the ſaid Souldiers, time will ſhew.

From *Bergen vp Zoom*, wee heare, that the two remaining troopes of Horſe were carryed by water in Boates vnto *Bredaw*, where now a great many Horſe are ioyned together, and ere long ſome exployte will be taken in hand.

The fift of *September*, the enemie made in two ſeuerall places an Aſſault vpon the out-workes, but was beaten off againe, with the loſſe of ſome two hundred men, and although the enemie had made an aſſault the ſecond of this moneth, and throwne faggots in the ditch before the halfe moone without the out-workes, yet they within threw hoopes of burning pitch therein, and fired them

them all, ſo that the enemy as yet hath done little.

Out of *France* wee vnderſtand, that the Conſtable and the Duke *de Rohan*, ſhould meete in a Caſtle in *Languedocke*, to treate of a Peace, wherein the ſaid Conſtable laboureth very hard, meane time the Prince of *Conde*, in the behalfe of his Maieſtie, hath taken in the Towne of *Lunell* vpon Accord, and the Souldiers which lay in garriſons there, were promiſed that they ſhould goe to *Niſmes*, and alſo were conducted thither by the afore mentioned Princes Souldiers, Alſo *Monſieur de Diguieres*, hath taken in the Towne of *Bay*, vpon Accord, from whence hee is gone before *Privas* in the Countrey of *Vivares*. *Marquis Spinola* doth levie certaine thouſands of men more in *Artoys*, *Henegow* and other quarters, to make all his companies compleate before *Berghen op Zoom*, Becauſe they are much weakened for want of thoſe which are ſlaine, and ſuch as runne away, and are hurt.

From Venice *the* 29. *of Auguſt.*

The *Granbundters* hauing expelled the forces of the Arch-Duke *Leopoldus* out of both *Engadins* they marched with ſixe companies towards *Tyroll*, paſſing the Bridge of S^t^. *Martin*. But the forces of *Leopoldus* ſet vpon them, and ſlue 700. taking alſo certaine priſoners. The reſt fled, but the Collonell *Foxe* purſued them vnto *Engadin*. *Leopoldus* hath ſurrendred the Fort of S. *Maria* to the Spaniards, whereupon the colours of the King of *Spaine* are planted vpon the walles, and his armes affixed at the gates.

From Berghen vp Zome *the* 10 *of September.*

All our Friends in this Towne are as yet well, and in good plight (God be prayſed euerlaſtingly for it) few or none of vs being endammaged by the ſhot of the Enemy; only my ſelfe was lately in great danger in a ſally with our Companie; for the Horſe of our Enemies compaſſed the ſame, and we had like to haue been cut in pieces, if wee had not been reſcued by our Horſe. Concerning the Siege of this Towne, all our Garriſon lyes within our out-workes; no man can ſee any fields hereabouts, the ground lying confuſedly euery where, as if it conſiſted onely of Mole-hills, through our continuall digging vp of the ſame: we lie ſo neere one the other, that we can caſt pitched Hoopes one at another. The Enemie defaceth the Houſes of the Citie with his Shot, but kills very few, eſpecially of any qualitie. The old Maior hath loſt his leggs by a Shot, but the Officers and cōmanders which we haue loſt were taken from vs in the Sallies. The Enemy looſes daily many of his Souldiers in his aſſaults vpon our out-workes, as likewiſe by the blowing vp of our Mines, they aduance little. But ſuccour wee hope is at hand; namely, the Count *Mansfeild*, and the Duke of *Brunſwick* (who hath loſt his hand before he could come in thoſe parts) they lie at *Breda*, where our Horſe likewiſe are arriued, ſo that (by the Grace of God Almighty) ſhortly wee may be rid of our enemies. Wee looke euery day here for the comming of his Excellency, the Prince of *Orange*. Our Garriſon is commanded by two Collonels, and foure Counts, the Collonels are, Collonell *Mogan*, and Collonell *Fama*, being all valiant and experienced Warriers.

The 28 of Auguſt wee ſlew a Portugall (who was a Knight of the Order of the Golden Fleece) neere our Out-works. His dead bodie was afterwards ranſomed for 400 Gilders. Count *Mansfeild* and the Duke of *Brunſwick* are for three moneths taken into the ſeruice of the States. They came to vs from *Eſdan* in twelue dayes, and in their march ſuſtained exceeding great hardneſſe and want, ſo that he left, and loſt many of his men behind him, that could not follow. They had three or foure encounters with the Enemy, who lay very ſtrong to preuent their paſſage; yet gaue Battell, and made their way through, wherein many were ſlaine, and the more in regard they were much tired after their march. On Friday laſt wee ſlew many of the Enemie, diuers Wagons of dead Corps were carried into *Bruſſels*, couered ouer with black Cloth; wee ſuppoſe ſome of them were of no ſmall reckoning. Our men at *Lille* and Count *Mansfeilds* at *Breda* haue made ſuch works, and are ſo ſtrong, that the Conuoy which was to come with the Waggons from *Antwerpe* to furniſh *Spinolaes* Army with victuals, returned back to *Antwerpe* againe. Some ſay, our Swimmers haue cut open a Dike, that the Waters approch to the Gates of *Antwerpe* in a great height. Here are in this Towne many Horſes ſold at the Market, that *Mansfeild* and the Duke of *Brunſwick* tooke from the Boores of *Brabant*. It is lately ſaid, that certaine of *Spinolaes* forces went out to forrage; but *Mansfeild* met with them, and tooke 150 Horſe of them Priſoners.

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An Extract of the Ordinarie Dutch Currante of the 10 of September. 1622.

FRom *Madril* in *Spaine* is written, that there is againe another parcel of 200000 Crownes cõcluded vpon, to be sent into *Flanders*; and two millions of mony to be sent from *Naples* into *Dutchland*. At the Towne of *Zurich* in *Switzerland* are arriued 300 Horse of *Mansfields*, to serue the Graubunters, who leauy men in many places, they fearing the Spaniards prouisions of all things needfull: for in the Councell of *Spaine* it is concluded, to hold *Voltelina* against all opposition whatsoeuer.

From *Prage* and *Vienna* is written of the 24 and 25 of August, that three Regiments of Foote, and 300 Horse are sent to the Towne of *Glatts* in *Siletia*; the Horse are to draw the Artillerie thither, for the more earnest besieging of it. And to that end, there is Commissions & command giuen to neere adioyning shires, to erect certaine houses for prouisions, that from them the Army may bee prouided from time to time of all needful things. Those of *Glatts* haue taken into the Towne 600 men more; so as their present strength is 2000 Foot, and 800 horse. There are also Letters come from the old County *Turin*, to his Son the Gouernor there, (which were intercepted) wherein hee chargeth him, not to giue ouer the place, because the Siege will shortly bee raised. Also the last Saturday was seene in the Ayre two Armies fighting.

The report is confident, that this yeare at *Algier*, and in those parts, aboue 200000 people haue dyed of the Plague: so is also that sicknes much kindled in the Spanish Armado vnder Prince *Phillibert* against the Turke, which causeth him to retire himself, many dying in the Gallies.

From the Citie of *Wormes* in the *Palatinate*, and the Citie of *Spiers*, is written, That *Heidelbergh* is ſtrongly beſieged and battered, yet the Towne defends it ſelfe well; but hauing no hope of helpe, it cannot hold long. *Frankendale* muſt looke for the ſame: for the *Crabatten* ſouldiers ride dayly to the Gates, and ſlay as many as they meet or find. *Leopoldus* hath been here at *Wormes*, his Army lying round about it: the Burghers are compelled to prouide the ſouldiers all the great emptie Caske they haue, to ſet the Gabions for their Artillerie againſt *Frankendale*, it being giuen them as bootie.

From *Cullen* the third of September is written, That the beſieged great Skonce, vpon the Riuer of *Rhine*, named the *Prieſts Cap*, continueth ſtrongly beſieged, the Enemie hauing rayſed Skonces on both ſides the riuer, from whence they ſhoot much, without preuayle; for they cannot come to aſſault it. This day the Enemie hath ſent vp the Riuer a whole ſhippe full of Fire-Balls; but wherefore, time will ſhew.

Particular Letters from *Venice* mention, That paſſengers were come thither from *Soria* with tidings, That the *Perſian*, with the aſſiſtance of ſome *Engliſh* ſhips that trade that Countrey, had taken the Towne of *Ormus*, but not the Caſtle as yet; but if it be not ſpeedily relieued, it will be yeelded vp. They bring newes alſo, That the *Hollanders* had taken a Carrack comming from *China* to *Goa*, of vnvaluable worth.

Letters from *Marſeilles* mention, That there lay certaine great ſhippes ready to goe to *Rochel*, for the Kings ſeruice; among which, is the great *Maltees*, the great ſhippe of *Marſeilles*; a ſhippe of *Danske* with other two great ſhippes, euery of them hauing 52. peeces of Braſſe Ordnance: the Duke of *Guiſe* being Admirall.

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From *France* we vnderſtand, That the King was about the Towne of *Montpelier*, and hauing taken in the ſmall Townes thereabout, had alſo layd round about *Montauban* & *Montpelier* much people, meaning to ſtraighten them from prouiſions. *Rochel* is hardly battered; but they paſſe not for it.

From *Berghen vp Zome* is written, the 2. of September, That within a mile of the Towne they tooke and brought into the Towne ſeuen ſouldiers of the Enemy, three Mariners, and one Burgher of *Antwerpe*, going from one Army to the other: There were two other who thought to eſcape by running away, but they were ſhot dead.

From *Antwerpe* an Engliſh Captaine (ſeruing with *Spinola*) hauing certaine Companies of Engliſhmen, who fought valiantly in the aſſault of *Berghen*, to their great credit, and where 60 of them were ſlaine: yet afterwards finding the ſeruice ſo dangerous againſt ſo reſolute enemies, and the Towne poſſeſt with ſo many braue men of their owne Nation, the greateſt number of them reuolted from the Army to the Towne, others runne away, and ſo few left, that the Captaine much grieued, is to ſeeke what to doe.

Likewiſe the Earle of *Argile* of *Ireland*, all his Companies are in pieces, and diſperſed, and he left alone.

The Arch-Dutches came to *Antwerpe* to viſit the Geſt-houſes, and other places, giuing order not onely for the comfort and curing her owne people, but alſo of ſuch priſoners taken of *Mansfeilds*, who wrote to her highneſſe at her being there, that ſuch meaſure as ſhee ſhewed to his Gentlemen her priſoners, hee would do the ſame to hers vpon like occaſion; which her Highnes accepted, giuing order for their well vſage.

The Poſt ratifieth the comming of the G[illegible] of *Stirums* to *Breda* with his 2000 Souldiers and R[illegible]

From the Brill *the* 5. *of September*, 1611.

It is reported, That the Conuoy from *Antwerpe* to the Campe before *Berghen vp Zome*, hath beene three times beaten backe, and now at the laſt taken, with 60. Waggons full of prouiſion, all which is brought into *Breda*.

From Breda *the* 5. *of September*.

It is ſaid, That the Duke of *Brunſwicke* is well recouered, & now waiteth the time, for to reuenge the loſſe of his Arme. And further, That in the laſt Battell they tooke from *Don Cordua* his Siluer, which was diuided among the ſouldiers by their Hats: And more, they tooke *Don Cordua* his Coach, & two Cheſts with Gold, to the value of 40000 pounds ſterling. Count *Mansfield* is made General, and the Duke of *Brunſwick* Lieutenant, vnder whoſe command, there is in readineſſe about 12000 ſouldiers, *viz.* 6500 horſe, and 5500 foot: The horſe be well appointed; and for the foot, they are fitted with Armes from *Holland*. Theſe ſouldiers lye for the moſt part about *Breda*, in the Villages. His Excellence calleth for all his ſouldiers out of garriſon, and leaueth the Townes to the keeping of the Citizens: ſo that it is thought, he will bring great ſtrength together about *Breda*, and eyther enforce *Spinola* to fight, or elſe he will doe his beſt to ſtarue them before *Berghen*.

From Berghen vp Zome *the* 6. *of September*.

Wee heare, That yeſterday and this day the Enemie hath made great Aſſaults vpon the Towne, and ſhot very violently into the ſame: but the Towne hath not onely